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Dear Air Board,

The Potomac River Generating Station is critical to our future power needs. The power going through the grid is what helps our side of the country avoid the constant power problems that we hear about on the west coast. It would be nothing short of foolish for us to cut off a large source of that power and hope we can meet our increasing need for energy.

Living in this area, you cannot help but notice that our community is ever-growing. I'm sure there are many people that just go about their day without a second thought as to whether or not they will be able to turn on their lights at night. Maybe these are the same people that would just prefer that the power plant shut down for good. It is this thoughtless attitude that will endanger our ability to find power for the steadily climbing numbers that choose to live in our community.

The frustrating part is that Mirant recognizes there is a better way to improve the air quality in our area, and they are willing to foot the bill to make those improvements. They have done the research, they have come up with the money, and now they are simply asking for the go ahead to make things better. It is time we gave them that go ahead.

I am fine with the power plant doing business as usual. I recognize the importance of keeping the power flowing, and I believe a good portion of the community shares my feelings. I hope you will not be swayed by the small portion of our area that has special interests that do not include what is best for our community.

Best regards,


Wendy Kilpatrick